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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 19, and cancel Claims 12, 13, 16-18, 22-25, 28, 30,

32, 38 and 39, as set forth below.

1. (Currently amended) A method for inoculating a mammal against a

Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M. tuberculosis) complex, wherein the mammal does not

have severe combined immune deficiency but is deficient in CD4⁺ lymphocytes or in

CD8⁺ lymphocytes, the method comprising administering to the mammal an attenuated

M. tuberculosis or M. bovis mycobacterium in the M. tuberculosis complex, wherein the

attenuated mycobacterium has a deletion of RD1 and is auxotrophic for pantothenate the

mycobacterium comprising two deletions, wherein a virulent mycobacterium in the M.

tuberculosis complex having either deletion exhibits attenuated virulence.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the attenuated mycobacterium is an *M*.

tuberculosis.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the attenuated mycobacterium is an M.

bovis.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the mammal is a human.

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11-18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The method of claim $\underline{1}$ $\underline{18}$, wherein the $\underline{RD1}$ deletion is a $\Delta panCD$ deletion.

20-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the is deficient in CD8⁺ lymphocytes.

42-86. (Canceled)

87. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the mammal is deficient in CD4+ lymphocytes.